



Proclamation
In Recognition of

Gold Star Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Gold Star first made its appearance during World War I when American families displayed service flags in homes, businesses, schools and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and

WHEREAS, today our nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, spouse, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved one dies in active service to our country; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of our citizens currently serves in our military and we have an obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women, and ensure their families are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, in May we honor those who lost a family member while in active service in the United States Armed Forces and we remember our commitment to Gold Star families who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic losses; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the good work of all the Gold Star Family programs from every branch of our military who tirelessly work to coordinate events to pay tribute and remember the fallen, connect Gold Star families and educate the community about the continuing need to support those who are left behind;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

“GOLD STAR AWARENESS MONTH”

to remember and honor the legacy of fallen heroes, support the families who have lost loved ones in service to our nation, and educate the community on what it means to be a Gold Star Family.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fifteenth day of March 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i